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Greetings,

As a user of both Netscape (including the gold edition) and Explorer (I tried 3 revisions of both before deciding which software to use), I experienced more performance to my needs and better service from Microsoft at a much cheaper cost. This in itself makes me believe that Microsoft has a very competitive mentality that has an advantage over their competition.

That is a good thing, however, will that help this countries growth/economy through reduction of employment (Netscape's employee's) and/or less competition? The other question that comes to mind is the consumers interest in upgrading if costs increase especially at a time of uncertainties in the economical conditions (iExploer is separated?), hence impacting a larger employment pool.

Well, this tells me that compromises are needed to insure the pain of the economic downturn and upsides are equally available, and competition is needed to progress the stress of drive to continue development needed in this country. With those thoughts, I have a hard time buying that AOL/Netscape has right to sue Microsoft for the amount their asking on laws that were not in USA's law or records. Why should Microsoft be punished for Netscape's failure to develop employee commitment to compete (Values)? At the same time, I do have to question whether Microsoft's delay's added to the damage of competition. to increase their own gains. What a tough decision. Well, I think that there is a compromise somewhere in there. I do hope Netscape gets some compromises (but no advantages over iExploer, but equal) to software integration into Windows OS agreements and maybe some \$ damages for prolonging this courts development at their competitions costs, but no where near what they're asking.

I'm not associated with either Microsoft or AOL/Netscape. I am not a Lawyer or educated in law, other then common public knowledge. I did feel that maybe my opinion would count. Thanks for reading this far! :-)

Regards,
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